

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John H. Givens

Serial No.: 08/801,812

Filed: February 14, 1997

For: UTILIZATION OF ENERGY
ABSORBING LAYER TO IMPROVE
METAL FLOW AND FILL IN A NOVEL
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE

Confirmation No.: 6774

Examiner: J. Maldonado

Group Art Unit: 2823

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed February 9, 2007, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on May 9, 2007. This response is mailed on May 14, 2007 with a petition for a one month extension of time and the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.